

## 21 MAY – 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

### First reading: Acts 1:12-14

*The Blessed Mother and the apostles waiting in prayer for the promises  
Holy Spirit*

### Responsorial: Psalm 26

*R. /: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living*

### Second reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Christians should find joy in their suffering

### Gospel: John 17:1-11

*The prayer of Jesus for his disciples to be united, just as he and the Father  
are one*

The readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter Year A remind us that even though Jesus is not with us in his human body, we are still connected to him and to each other in prayer. The first reading tells of how after the ascension of Jesus, his followers grow in community by praying together. The psalm expresses our longing for God. The second reading reminds us to glorify God always, even when we are suffering. And in the gospel Jesus prays as he prepares to ascend.

- **Waiting for the Holy Spirit:** As the Sunday after Ascension Thursday, this Sunday also prepares the faithful for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The theme focuses on waiting and praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment.
- **Embracing new beginnings:** In order to move forward towards a hopeful future, we must relinquish the past and let go of any burdens that may hold us back. This requires us to seek forgiveness and healing, as we embark on a fresh start. We should also take time to reflect on our purpose and mission in life, seeking discernment of God's will, and trust in His guidance as we prepare ourselves for what lies ahead.

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**SUNDAY, 21-May** **7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm  
4.00pm – *Tamil Mass*

**MONDAY, 22-May** Mass: 9.30am

**TUESDAY, 23-May** Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY, 24-May** Mass: 9.30am

**THURSDAY, 25-May** **St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor:**  
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**FRIDAY, 26-May** **St Philip Neri, Priest:**  
Mass: 12.00noons

**SATURDAY, 27-May** **ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop**  
Mass: 9.30am  
6.30pm – *Sunday Vigil Mass*

**SUNDAY, 28-May** **PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm  
4.00pm – *Syro-Malabar Rite*

### POPE'S INTENTION - MAY 2023

**For Church movements and groups:** We pray that church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Louis Gabriel, Domingo Fernandes and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2023

The theme of this year's World Communication Day comes from Ephesians 4: 15, Speaking with the heart. "The truth in love".

On World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels. The communications office of the Bishops' Conference supports the bishops, in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image.

A second collection will be held after all Masses **this weekend**. Please be generous.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURES, PADUVA AND HOLY LAND:** The parish is organising an 11 days trip to Lisieux, Lourdes, Fatima, Lisbon, and Paris leaving on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. We are arranging another pilgrimage to Bologna, Paduva, Venice, Verona and Ferrara on 21<sup>st</sup> September and 8 days trip to Holy Land on 10<sup>th</sup> November. For further information, please collect a leaflet detailing the pilgrimage from the table in the porch and contact the Group Organiser Julie Fernandes on 07400889899.

### ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL - Open Evening for Secondary Transfer:

Parents and girls who are interested in taking the entrance tests for St Michael's Catholic Grammar School are invited to visit the school for a guided tour on Monday 26 June between 5pm and 7pm. More details are on the notice board at the porch.

**JUNIOR YOUTH MEETING:** will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Pastoral Centre. This is a gathering for the youth from our parish aged 12 to 18. New members are welcome to join.

### GETTING MARRIED

- **In the Catholic Church in this Country:** You need to contact one of your priests at least 6 months **before** the proposed date of the marriage- and provide a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate (dated within 6 months of the proposed marriage), and a copy of your Confirmation Certificate.
- **In the Catholic Church Abroad:** In addition to the information requested above, you will also need a letter of freedom from this Diocese, which may be obtained through your Priest.

### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC THROUGH THE RCIA PROGRAMME?

This means: Adults who are not Baptised at all and who wish to become Catholics: Adults who are baptised into another Christian denomination, but wish to become Catholics, and Adults who wish to become FULL members of the Roman Catholic Church (i.e., those who have been baptised but may not have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist). Registration Forms are now available for the preparation sessions. They may be collected from the Presbytery or may be downloaded from the Parish website - and you will need to make an appointment to talk with one of the priests before you start the sessions.